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Dear Julie

**Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent)
Bill**

Following your letter of 11 November, we would be grateful if you could provide a further update on the SLCM on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill.

As the SLCM is yet to be laid, we are concerned that we will have insufficient time to consider it before reporting. The next scheduled meeting of our committee is 1 December, the day before the reporting deadline of 2 December. This timetable does not allow for meaningful scrutiny.

In order to plan the committee's approach to considering and reporting on the LCM and SLCM, we would be grateful if you could confirm the date on which you expect to lay a SLCM.

We would also be grateful if you could lay a SLCM in relation to the amendments made to the Bill on 20 July at your earliest convenience. As you know, standing order 29.2 (iii) stipulates that the Government should lay a LCM normally no later than two weeks after any relevant amendments are tabled. Nearly four months have now elapsed and the Bill is expected to receive Royal Assent shortly before Christmas. In your letter of 1 October, you stated that it would be more helpful to issue a SLCM once all amendments have been tabled. However, the decision to delay laying a SLCM has constrained our ability to scrutinise the relevant provisions in a timely manner. Given the extremely tight reporting deadline, we believe it would be more useful to Members if you were to issue a SLCM relating to the amendments tabled in July as soon as possible.

We would appreciate a response by 22 November.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely

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John Griffiths MS

Chair

Cc. Huw Irranca-Davies, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.